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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Significant Increases in Gang Related Cases Continue Through May 2017**

Date & Time: January 1, 2017 – May 31, 2017  
Location: Various

EL PASO, TEXAS: The El Paso Police Department has seen a significant increase in the number of gang related cases during the first five months of 2017 compared to the same time period in 2016. Listed below are the number of cases Gang Investigators have handled through the first five months of 2017 and the comparison during the same time period in 2016.

# Cases	Through May 31, 2017	Through May 31, 2016
	263	149
Agg Assault	36	19
Graffiti	94	21
Other/Gang Cases	83	21

In February 2017 the El Paso Police Department reallocated resources (10 officers and 1 Sergeant) from the Regional Commands to the Gang Unit to assist with the increase in Gang related cases. The El Paso Police Department would like to encourage anybody who has information regarding gangs, gang violence, or graffiti to call the Police Dispatcher at (915) 832-4400, or to remain anonymous call Crimes Stoppers of El Paso at (915) 566-TIPS (8477) or the Gang Tip Line at (915) 212-GANG (4264).

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